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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/834,950
Applicants: Yoshihiko YANO
Filing Date: April 16, 2001
For: FLUORESCENT THIN FILM, ITS FABRICATION
PROCESS, AND EL PANEL
Group Art Unit: 1774
Examiner: THOMPSON, CAMIE S

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Respectfully submitted,

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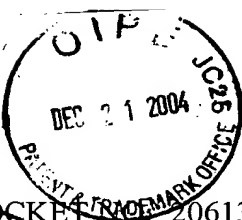
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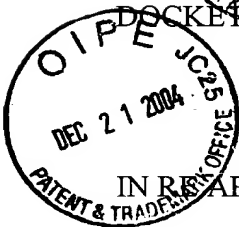
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The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 21, 2004 has been reviewed.

The Examiner has not included a Statement of Reasons of Allowance for Claim 20, which recites "An EL panel comprising a fluorescent thin film comprising a matrix material which comprises a rare earth sulfide or a rare earth selenide, and which further comprises a rare earth element as a light transmission center, the rare earth element as a light transmission center being different from the rare earth element of the matrix material, wherein said rare earth sulfide comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a rare

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earth thioaluminate, a rare earth thiogallate and a rare earth thioindate, and wherein said rare earth element of the matrix material is an element selected from the group consisting of Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nb, Gd, Tb, Ho, and Er.”

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